

Town of Bridgewater
Committee to Save the Bridgewater Village School Building
Minutes of April 30, 2018

DRAFT MINUTES

Location: Bridgewater Grange Hall
Date: April 30, 2018

Time: 4:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at approximately 4:35 PM by Brian Bontrager

Present: Brian Bontrager, Hank Smith, Collen Doyle, and Joni Kennedy

Visitors: None

Hank made the motion to approve the April 3, 2018 meeting minutes and Collen seconded the motion.

At the Select Board Meeting on May 1, 2018 Bob Haynes with Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation will be going over the RFP that has been prepared and presented to the Select Board. TROC (Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee), Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development and others collaborated with Bob in the preparation of the RFP. A big thank you goes out to all of them for their time, effort, energy, and good work.

The Select Board asked our committee to present on May 1, 2018. Our group prepared the following hand out to discuss at the Select Board Meeting.

Follow up regarding the following:

Step 1

- 1) RFP – We would like to request that the RFP go out for a minimum of 60 days.
 - a) We would also like to request, subject to the Select Boards Approval, that Bob Hayes with Green Mountain Economic Development and the other agencies handle sending out the RFP on the Towns behalf.

Step 2

- 2) We would like to request (subject to the Select Boards approval) that we start the application process for the Community Block Grant/Planning Grant. It

would require assurance from the board that you would support an application and commit to the match that would be necessary, prior to applying for it.

1) We as a Town need to plan for next years Town Meeting. It is important that our Town has a Town Hall/Town Meeting Space and Emergency Shelter. This has always been the Bridgewater Village School Building. There is no reason why it cannot remain that way until we as a Town have something else in place and/or established. Based on the reports from KD Associates, and the State Division of Fire Safety, we should be able to make the building usable again at a reasonable cost.

We would like to ask the Select Board to move forward with the following:

- (a) Take care of the items listed in the Fire and Safety Inspection Report
- b) Get someone in to clean and take care of the remediation in the building
- c) Leave the heat on low in the basement and run several de-humidifiers to promote good health within the building
- d) Use the funds that the insurance company sent to the town on behalf of the School Building, as well as any money available from the budgeted amount of \$25,000 for operation of the school building
- e) Our Committee would like to volunteer and have a clean up day for the School Building and Grounds
- f) Our committee would like clarification on the \$20,000 that was budgeted and approved at this year Town Meeting that is listed in the Town Report under the School budget.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is on June 5, 2018 at 4:30 PM at the Bridgewater Grange Hall.

Brian made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 pm and Collen seconded it

The Committee meets once a month on the **first Tuesday of every month at the Bridgewater Grange Hall at 4:30 pm.**

We invite community members to join us at our monthly meetings as we welcome your thoughts and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
Joni Kennedy